

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY, No. C11-4589 EMC

Plaintiff,

v.

PHOENIX LOGISTICS, INC.,

Defendant.

**ORDER RE SUPPLEMENTAL
BRIEFING AND/OR EVIDENCE**

Plaintiff Canadian National Railway Company's ("Canadian's") motion for default judgment is set for hearing before the Court on April 13, 2012. Docket No. 9. Having considered Plaintiff's brief and accompanying submissions, the Court hereby orders that supplemental briefing and/or evidence be provided as follows.

If the Court determines that default judgment is warranted, the Court must determine what damages are appropriate. In its motion for default judgment, Plaintiff asks for \$161,569.95, the amount it alleges is still outstanding under the parties' payment schedule set forth in their Agreement for Payment of Accounts Receivable ("Agreement"). Anderson Decl., Docket No. 9-1, ¶ 4. Plaintiff has the burden of "proving up" its damages. *See Board of Trustees of the Boilermaker Vacation Trust v. Skelly, Inc.*, No. 04-02841 CW, 2005 WL 433462, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 24, 2005) ("Plaintiff has the burden of proving damages through testimony or written affidavit.").

Based on the evidence submitted thus far, it does not appear that Plaintiff has met its burden of proof regarding the outstanding payments. Although Mr. Anderson declares that \$161,569.95 is

1 outstanding, he does not specify at what point Defendant ceased making payments so that the Court
2 could verify the amount owed. *See Anderson Decl.* ¶ 4 (“The defendant defaulted in its payments
3 under the Agreement and the outstanding amount due is \$161,569.95 USD.”). Mr. Anderson cites to
4 the payment schedule attached to the Agreement, but the outstanding amount owed does not match
5 any of the balances shown on the payment schedule. *Id.* Ex. A, Schedule I. Nor does Plaintiff
6 provide any account records of previous deposits, outstanding balances, or bills or other notices to
7 Defendant regarding the delinquent contributions from which the Court could discern when
8 Defendant stopped making payments and how much is due. *Cf. Board of Trustees of the Laborers*
9 *Health & Welfare Fund for the N. Cal. v. Perez*, No. C-10-2002 JSW (JCS), 2011 WL 6151506, at
10 *10 (N.D. Cal., Nov. 7, 2011) (finding evidence sufficient to prove damages where plaintiffs
11 provided “employer reports of contribution” for the months defendant failed to pay contributions,
12 and a declaration from plaintiffs’ accounts receivable manager attesting to the truth of the records);
13 *Webb v. Indigenous Global Dev. Corp.*, C-04-3174 MJJ, 2005 WL 1200203, at *5 (N.D. Cal. May
14 16, 2005) (finding evidence sufficient where plaintiff “provided the Court with a copy of the
15 promissory note signed by IGDC which specifically states that IGDC must ‘repay the principal sum
16 of \$250,000 to [Mr. Webb] on or before May 11, 2004,’” along with “a copy of the audit letter sent
17 to him by IGDC, which acknowledges the \$250,000 debt”); *Cent. California Elec. Indus. Health &*
18 *Welfare & Pension Trust Funds v. Goleta Elec., Inc.*, C-11-2755 EMC, 2012 WL 555094, at *5
19 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 21, 2012) (finding evidence sufficient where plaintiffs provided copies of monthly
20 “transmittals evidencing the amounts of unpaid principal per month from December 2009 through
21 April 2010, which add up to the sum” plaintiffs claimed was owed).

22 Unlike in the above cases, here Plaintiff offers no documentation of the amount owed; rather,
23 it simply offers a payment schedule and states that Defendant owes an amount not listed or easily
24 discernible from that payment schedule. While the payment schedule contains check marks that
25 would appear to indicate when Defendant made the required payments, and an x mark that would
26 appear to indicate when it stopped making payments, those notes do not match an amount due of
27 \$161,569.95. In addition, Plaintiff has submitted no foundational evidence to establish the meaning
28 and accuracy of those handwritten marks on the payment schedule.

1 Accordingly, Plaintiff is directed to submit to the Court any and all evidence establishing that
2 Defendant owes \$161,569.95. Plaintiff shall file such evidence and any accompanying briefing no
3 later than **April 9, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.**

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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